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MASON DAVIS DAIRY FARM  
Route 51, South east of Cumberland  
Late 19th Century

The Mason Davis Dairy Farm House is a large two and a half story, four bay wide structure of Queen Anne Styling. The building is covered with novelty siding and rests on a high cut stone foundation. Asphalt shingles cover the gabled roof (with pediments), which supports one gabled roof dormer on the east side. The northeastern corner of the house features a two story bay window. Windows are double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights and cornices. The property was used as a dairy farm and contains six outbuildings and a spring; they include a tool shed, wagon shed and corn crib, meat house, barn, milk house and chicken coop.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mason Davis Dairy Farm

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Route 51, S. E. of Cumberland, Maryland

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John House

Telephone #: 395-5366

STREET & NUMBER

Walnut Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 436

Folio #: 471

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mason Davis Dairy Farm is located on Route 51, <sup>2.1 Miles</sup> ~~just~~ south-east of Cumberland, Allegany County, on the West side of the Rd.

The Mason Davis Dairy Farm is a large rectangular structure that is two and a half stories high and four bays wide. The building is frame and is covered with novelty siding. The entire structure is supported by a high cut stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled and is covered by replaced asphalt shingles. A single dormer is placed along the front of the roof line directly above the second story windows. The windows are all double hung, pegged wooden sash frames with cornices and one over one lights with the exception of the two windows which are set into the foundation which are six over six lights with plain trim. The main facade is interrupted on its western end by a bay window which extends two stories from the roof line to the porch. The main entrance is located on the northern facade and consists of a paneled door with a transom light. This entrance is covered by a 4 bay porch supported by brackets and turned supports and is surrounded by a railing composed of turned ballisturs. One corbeled brick chimney is located within the facade.

The Davis Dairy Farm also includes numerous out-buildings including a log wagon shed and corn crib- which was, at the time, covered with weatherboard. The house and out-buildings are in fair condition but as the farm is no longer occupied, the buildings are deteriorating somewhat more rapidly than normal.

(See sketch on back of field sheet)

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mason Davis Dairy Farm was built in the late 19th Century and originally belonged to J. W. H. Pollock and his wife Hannah. The Pollocks bought the property in 1887. Although the house is in fair condition and typical of the Queen Anne style, perhaps the most interesting thing about the Davis Farm is its outbuildings. The land was used as a dairy farm and the service buildings include: a milk house; a barn; meat house; wagon shed and corn crib. The milk house has a gabled roof with a boxed cornice and returns as well as a corbeled brick chimney.

With the exception of some of the outbuildings, the Mason Davis Farm is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.59 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, &amp; Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AI-111-B-023

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DATE: 8/25/76

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RECOMMENDING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Mason Davis Dairy FarmLOCATION OF PROPERTY: md. Rt. 51, ~~1/2~~ South east of Cumberland, Md.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ~~South~~ EASTNAME OF OWNER: John House 395-5366ADDRESS: walnut Ridge Rd.  
~~Walnut Ridge Rd.~~ Oldtown, Md.STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3(☐) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?) <sup>novelty</sup>  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE 6/6 windows + 4 panel doorWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2(☒) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) cornice  
2 story bay pegged (☒) nailed (☒) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

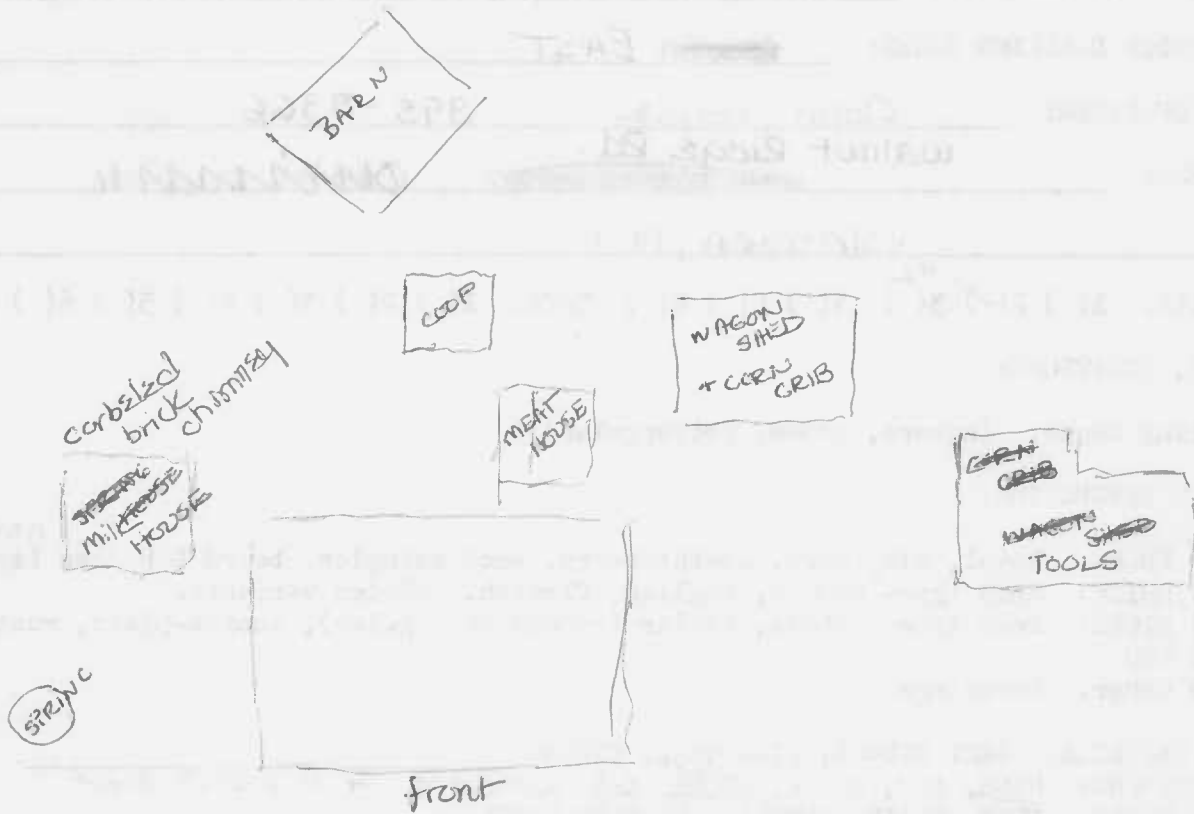
ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN LightPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒) turned balustersPORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip( ) gable( ) 4 bay end porchCHIMNEYS: NUMBER BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced( )LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end(☒) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - residenceSignificance - architectureDate Constructed - late 19th c.Condition - fair to good

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TITLE SEARCH

Mason Davis Dairy Farm  
Route 1, Box 80-A  
Oldtown, Maryland  
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Allegany County Deed, Liber 436, Folio 471  
grantee: John J. House & Florence M. House  
grantor: Hugh H. Mullaney, Trustee  
January 29, 1970

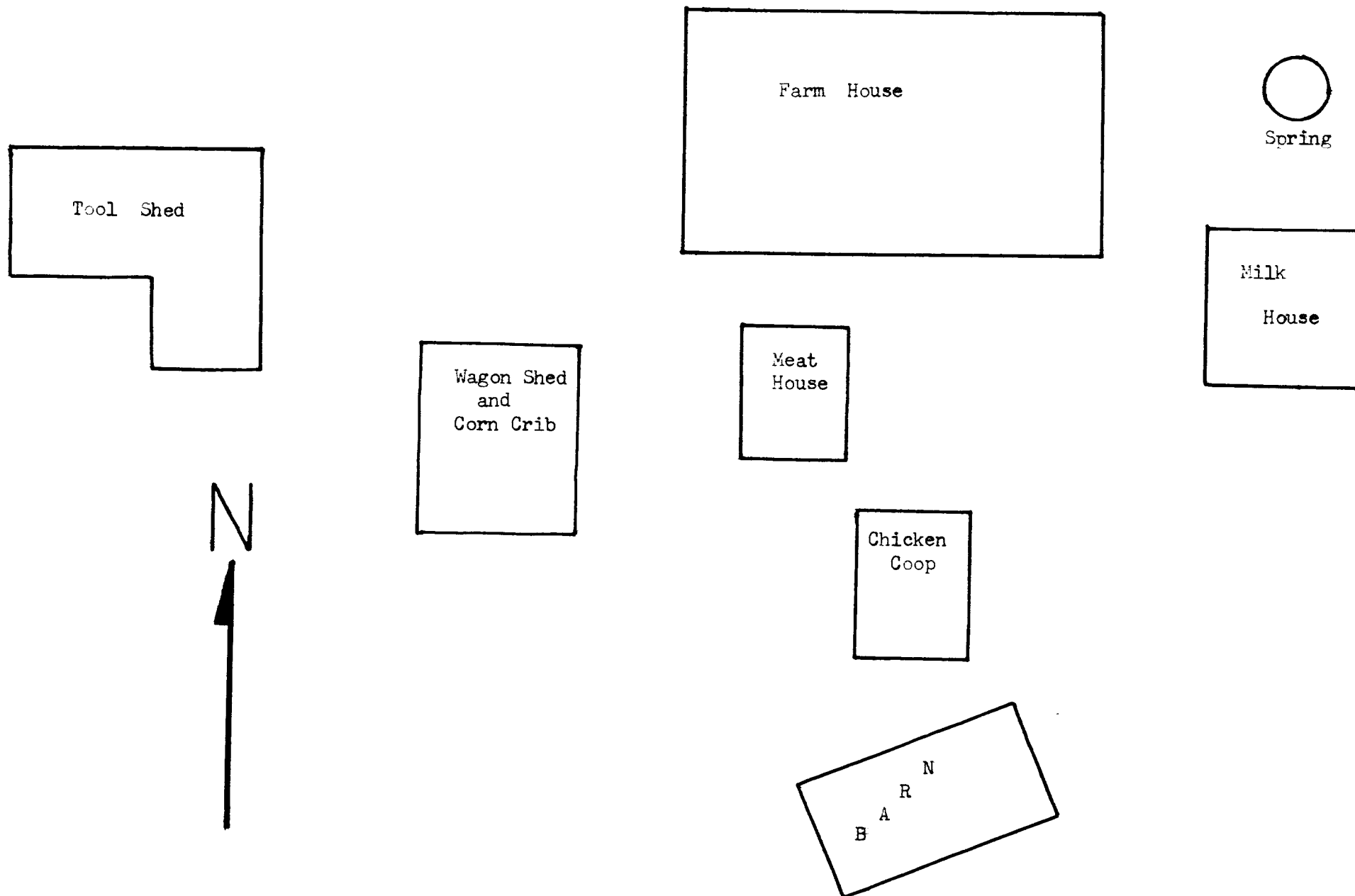
Allegany County Deed, Liber 100, Folio 434  
grantee: Harry M. Davis et. ux. - (Willed property to wife, Cora Davis who  
willed it to her brother, John House)  
grantor: Adam Seibert et. ux.  
January 26, 1907

Allegany County Deed, Liber 63, Folio 623  
grantee: Adam Seibert  
grantor: J. W. H. Pollock & Hannah C. Pollock  
April 13, 1887  
Consideration: \$1,200



MASON DAVIS DAIRY FARM

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North Branch

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AI-III-B-011

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Mason-Davis Dairy Farm  
Rt. 51 S. of Cumberland

USGS - Patterson Creek Quad

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md. Rt. 51 South East of Cumberland  
Maryland

John Nelson

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South East



Mason Davis Dairy Farm

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Rt. 51 south east of Cumberland, Md.

John Nelson

8/25/76

north ~~west~~ ~~west~~ west



Mason Davis Dairy Farm  
Wagon Shed and Corn Crib  
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Rt. 51 South east of Cumberland  
Maryland

John E. Nelson

8/25/76

~~North~~ west